

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1-52. (cancelled)

53. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a wireless communication device having a restricted list of contacts wherein the wireless communication device is limited to communicate with only the contacts associated with the restricted list, and wherein the restricted contact list is determined by an administrator and stored on a base station set by a different device; and wherein the contacts associated with the restricted list are each a handheld unit.

54. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the wireless communication device is configured to communicate using text messaging.

55. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54 wherein the text messaging comprises instant messaging.

56. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the wireless communication device is adapted to communicate using a telephone communication media.

57. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the different device comprises a personal computer connected to a network.

58. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the wireless communication device includes a transceiver to facilitate communications with contacts on the restricted list via a base station.

59. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 58 wherein the base station comprises a local wireless router.

60. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 58 wherein the base station comprises a transceiver coupled to a personal computer.

61. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the restricted list is maintained on a local memory of the wireless communication device.

62. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the restricted list is maintained on the different device and downloaded to the wireless communication device.

63. (currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising a tangible medium storing machine readable instructions which cause a processor-based system to:

maintain a restricted list of contacts in a base station; and

enable a wireless device to communicate over a communication media only with contacts on the restricted list;

wherein each of the contacts comprises a handheld unit.

64. (previously presented) The article of claim 63 including instructions causing the processor-based system to:

create the restricted list of contacts based on an administrator's input; and

download the restricted list to the wireless device.

65. (previously presented) The article of claim 63 wherein the tangible medium comprises a memory in the wireless device.

66. (previously presented) The article of claim 63 wherein the tangible medium comprises a memory system in a personal computer.

67. (previously presented) The article of claim 63 wherein the communication media comprises, in part, the Internet.

68. (previously presented) The article of claim 63 wherein the wireless device comprises a telephone.

69. (currently amended) A wireless system comprising:

a wireless communication device;

a base station to facilitate wireless communications between the wireless communication device and a core network; and

a restricted list of contacts stored in at least one of the wireless communication device or the base station, wherein the system is adapted to restrict a user of the handheld device to communicate via the core network only with those contacts identified by the restricted list;
wherein each of the contacts is also a handheld unit.

70. (previously presented) The system of claim 69 wherein the base station comprises a transceiver adapted to be coupled to a personal computer.

71. (previously presented) The system of claim 70 wherein the restricted list may be created and modified via the personal computer.

72. (previously presented) The system of claim 69 further comprising a plurality of wireless communication devices operative to communicate with the base station, and a respective restricted list associated with each of the wireless communication devices.